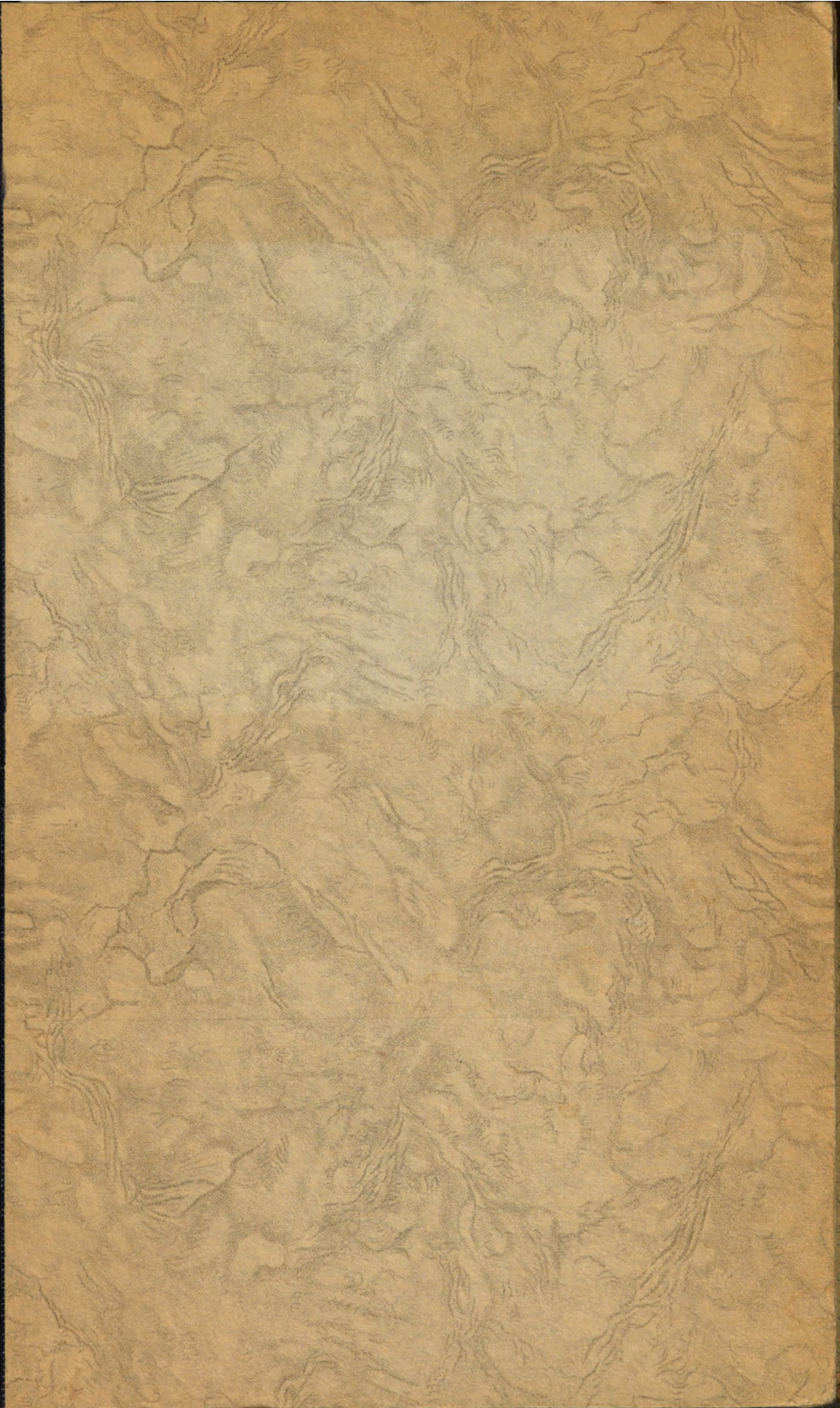


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# Anti-Semitic Activity in the United States

*A Report and Appraisal*



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**“T**here are presently at work within the United States various and sundry ‘hate’ groups, the leaders of which, while masking their activities under the guise of patriotism and devotion to the republican form of government, are in fact spreading dissension, discord, bigotry, and intolerance. In many instances, these organizations select ultra-patriotic names and devices to conceal their true and dangerous purposes. The subjects of the ‘hate’ attacks are individuals or groups of religious and racial minorities among American citizens. The Committee is by no means unaware of these activities, and investigation and documentation will proceed to the end that the individuals concerned may be disclosed for what they are. In the opinion of the Committee, there are no degrees to subversion. It is not sufficient to be simply anti-Communist if one is anti-American at the same time.”

*Annual Report of the House Committee on  
Un-American Activities, February 6, 1954; p. 5.*

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## A Report and Appraisal

*Organized bigotry, like all other social ills, is best counteracted when its nature and symptoms are known to the public. To gather and disseminate such knowledge, the American Jewish Committee has engaged in continuing research and analysis of anti-Semitic activity and has rendered reports of its findings from time to time.*

*Today, as the American people cope with the worldwide threat of communism and bend their energies to resolve many other crucial problems, it is more than ever necessary to guard against malicious movements striving to foment racial and religious discord. Many of these movements have now abandoned their former overt appeals to bigotry in favor of more subtle tactics to which the public must be alerted. It is this circumstance that has occasioned the present report.*

*Founded nearly half a century ago, the American Jewish Committee is dedicated to the great common task of all loyal Americans—the strengthening of unity among our citizens of all races and creeds to the end that this nation and its free institutions may remain secure.*

Irving M. Engel, President  
The American Jewish Committee  
April 1954

**I**n this time of worldwide tensions, it is more than ever important that we correctly appraise the force and scope of organized anti-Semitism—as distinguished from individual expressions of social and economic discrimination—in the United States.

Until about twenty years ago, our country was comparatively free of this evil which had plagued the Old World for centuries. But with Hitler's rise in Germany, the anti-Semitic movement was forged into an exportable weapon which found its way into the hands of democracy's foes throughout the world.

In the United States, this weapon has been wielded with varying effect over the years. Organized anti-Semitism has waxed and waned, but never has it vanished completely from the American scene; never has it ceased to be a threat, actual or potential, to our national unity and our free institutions.

In what manner has the anti-Semitic movement survived? Is it subsiding today, or is it on the increase? What is the anti-Semite's current strategy? Who are his collaborators and his followers?



This report endeavors to answer these and related questions. For only if we understand the present situation can we effectively cope with anti-Semitism as it now exists. On the one hand, we must not be beguiled into over-optimism by the absence—for the time being—of those vociferous demonstrations which were formerly the hallmarks of organized bigotry. On the other hand, we must not be panicked by today's agitators who claim followings which, in fact, they do not have.

To achieve a proper perspective, it is necessary to understand that many anti-Semites have abandoned their former brash and obvious tactics. The more skillful hate-mongers and cunning publicists have now developed a sense of public relations. They exploit current legitimate issues, toning down, if not eliminating, open anti-Semitism. They aim to win the support of respectable elements, rather than the lunatic fringe following which they so highly prized in Christian Front days.

Thus, in the Presidential elections of 1952, when several thousand citizens in the states of California, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, North Dakota, and Washington voted for General Douglas MacArthur on the Christian Nationalist Party ticket, these voters were expressing their confidence in an American hero. They were unaware that the General had not accepted the nomination, and that

**How to Vote for MacArthur in California.**



*Here is how  
YOU can VOTE  
for*  
**GENERAL DOUGLAS MacARTHUR**  
*for President*  
**SENATOR JACK TENNEY**  
*for Vice President*

Read these instructions very, very carefully.  
Below is a replica of the Presidential Ballot as it will appear  
When you go into the voting booth November 4  
Please observe the sixth space, which will be blank when you go  
into the voting booth.

*Write in the name of MacARTHUR and TENNEY and the  
Sponsoring party (Christian Nationalist) as indicated.*

Then stamp a cross "X" in the right hand space as indicated.

| PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS<br>(Vote for One Party) |                              |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| ADLAI STEVENSON, for President                | DEMOCRATIC                   |          |
| JOHN J. SPARKMAN, for Vice-President          |                              |          |
| DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, for President           | REPUBLICAN                   |          |
| RICHARD M. NIXON, for Vice-President          |                              |          |
| VINCENT HALLINAN, for President               | INDEPENDENT                  |          |
| CHARLOTTA A. BASS, for Vice-President         | PROGRESSIVE                  |          |
| STUART HAMBLIN, for President                 | PROHIBITION                  |          |
| ENOCH A. HOLTWICK, for Vice-President         |                              |          |
| <i>Douglas MacArthur</i><br>for President     | <i>Christian Nationalist</i> | <b>X</b> |
| <i>Jack B. Tenney</i><br>for Vice-President   |                              |          |

*Take this sheet into the Booth for Reference*

*Exploitation of General  
MacArthur's name by the  
Christian Nationalist Party  
— without the General's  
approval.*

the party was actually a front for one of the most vicious and implacable anti-Semites in the country.

Similarly, when many people in Los Angeles protested against the schools teaching about UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), they had at heart what they sincerely, albeit mistakenly, believed to be the best interest of our country. They did not know that many of the alarming rumors they had heard about UNESCO came from the propaganda of a man who makes his living stirring up hatred, and who once headed an organization which the Attorney General of the United States listed as "fascist."

Such are the maneuvers whereby anti-Semites currently seek to influence public opinion. Thus far, their success has not been impressive; but the support and alliances they have gained by their deceptive tactics nevertheless constitute a potential danger.

### ***How the Change Came About***

Overt anti-Semitism reached its high-water mark in the United States in 1939, when several hundred anti-Jewish groups, launched with Nazi money, tried to convince Americans that Hitler was right. Mainly composed of crackpots and presided over by petty fuehrers, these organizations held storm-troop meetings; they picketed; they published reams of abusive literature. But such blatant demagoguery was offensive to the overwhelming majority of Americans; mostly the so-called lunatic fringe rallied to their banners.

On Pearl Harbor Day most of the rabble-rousers scurried for cover, remaining there for the duration of the war. By 1947, organized anti-Semitism had reached its lowest ebb.

The advent of the cold war brought many of these agitators back into the open. Some resumed their rabid fulminations against the Jews. Others, having learned from experience that racist appeals violated a basic American ethic, now courted public approval by exploiting the controversial issues of the day. The glibness of their arguments and the vigor of their attacks appeal especially to "ultra-nationalist" groups.

Ultra-nationalist groups have been a factor in American life since the first World War. They have opposed all progressive moves to meet the needs of government and society in these complex, industrialized, modern times. After almost a generation of collective bargaining, social security measures, and government welfare programs, ultra-nationalists still seek a return to the nineteenth century. Their view of "states rights" would even preclude SEC regulation of security markets.



*Candidates of both major parties  
attacked by anti-Semites.*

Although three wars have proven their thesis fallacious, the ultra-nationalists are still vehemently isolationist. They oppose foreign aid, bitterly resent United States participation in the United Nations, and favor amending the Constitution to curtail the treaty-making power of the Federal Government. Suspicious of foreigners, they have consistently resisted immigration into this country, except by persons of certain "approved" racial and national origins, and have fought all efforts to improve our immigration laws.

Most of the ultra-nationalists assert there is no difference between Republican and Democratic policies and call for "a new political party" or, at least, "a realignment of political forces."

Though often led and financed by reputable individuals, and spending millions of dollars to advertise their views via press, platform, radio, and other media, ultra-nationalists made little headway with the average American until the cold war brought about the present tense atmosphere of our national life.

While some of the ultra-nationalist groups espouse retrogressive economic reforms, and others have political aims, all favor extremist techniques in combating communism—free-swinging, wild-accusation tactics which indiscriminately charge liberals with being communistic. Ultra-nationalists are now appealing to the American people on this basis, equating everything they oppose with communism, subversion, and a newly-invented phenomenon—"creeping socialism."

During the past decade, ultra-nationalist organizations have increased measurably and they now offer tempting opportunities for infiltration by anti-Semitic elements. In setting out to cultivate these groups, the professional bigot plays his hand adroitly, exploiting the particular political issues which are currently the focus of concern in ultra-nationalist circles.

## **Communism**

Anti-Semites, using justifiable public exposes of Communist activity as springboards, have stepped up their smear of Jews as being



Communists or Communist-influenced. Projection of this theme ranges from featuring Jewish names in unfavorable context, to outright charges of a Jewish conspiracy for world domination through the Communist movement.

### ***Socio-Economic Measures***

It is expected that ultra-nationalist groups will soon launch their strongest attack upon such long-accepted features of our national way of life as unionism, social security, government welfare assistance, and similar social reforms of the past generation. Tied in will be appeals to "save America from creeping socialism" and return to "constitutionalism," "economic freedom," and "freedom of choice." Anti-Semites add the "Jewish angle" to these lines, alleging prominent Americans of Jewish background to be Machiavellian agents of a super-government.

### ***Third Party Issue***

The "third party" is not a new feature in American politics. Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose Party, LaFollette's Progressives and the more recent political venture of Henry Wallace, bearing the same title, come readily to mind. Adapting this idea to their own objectives, ultra-nationalists contend that the present Republican Administration is little more than a carbon copy of the Democratic Administrations which preceded it. Many anti-Semites have sedulously taken up the "third party" cry; in so doing, their propaganda generally charges that both major political parties are controlled by Jews.

A notorious instance of this dovetailing occurred during the 1952 Republican primary fights when both the ultra-nationalists and the anti-Semites opposed the nomination of General Eisenhower. The former proclaimed what they considered his failings, and the latter blamed these shortcomings on Jewish influence. In some localities, leaflets penned by as many as ten agitators in different parts of the country were assembled into kits and distributed on main thoroughfares. A typical piece showed a Streicher-like caricature of a Jew pointing to Eisenhower and saying, "Ikie vill keep us boys in power." This broadside was produced by Independent Republicans for MacArthur, a front organization established by Gerald L. K. Smith—without MacArthur's approval.

### ***United Nations and UNESCO***

Exploiting legitimate public discussion of United States foreign policy, anti-Semites denounce and "expose" the United Nations and UNESCO with varying degrees of calumny, ranging from brashness to subtle innuendo. UN is depicted as designed to subvert American

sovereignty to communism, Zionism, and Jewish control. Findings of official investigative bodies concerning individual UN employees are distorted into mass-indictments. The colors of the UN and Israeli flags are compared for hidden significance. UNESCO is invariably portrayed as the communistic, atheistic propaganda arm of UN, aimed at corrupting American schools and their children. Ultra-nationalist groups exploit a similar line, though without patent anti-Semitic content.

### ***"Partisanship" of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act***

The McCarran-Walter Act has been severely criticized by Christian organizations—Protestant and Catholic—as well as by Jewish and many other reputable groups. Much ultra-nationalist and anti-Semitic propaganda, aimed at stirring anti-alien sentiment, has attacked critics of the Act, while minimizing or ignoring the opposition of Christian church groups. Played up instead is a portrayal of the Jews as seeking the law's repeal because they wish to get millions of their co-religionists into this country. Hints of Jewish power are frequently woven into this argument.

### ***Exploiting Local Issues***

The onslaught of ultra-nationalists against modern education has gravely harassed the school systems of many towns during the past several years. In some instances, so-called "education" groups, dominated or influenced by anti-Semites, have smeared modern educational methods as communistic and atheistic. Such features as intercultural education, especially, have come under vicious attack; leading educators have been vilified as Communists and their textbooks investigated. UNESCO teaching materials and the display of the UN flag have been frequently used as starting points for these attacks. The momentum produced by the earlier organizational and propaganda efforts of ultra-nationalists promises to keep the issue of modern educational methods alive for some time to come.

In a grotesque effort to exploit the fears and phobias of the public, the anti-Semites have seized upon proposals in some sections of the country to fluoridate drinking water as a community health measure. Demagogic interpretations range from outright scares of "mass-poisoning" and "mass suicide" to innuendoes that fluorine saps the individual's will-power—an end, it is charged, desired by the Government. Also suggested, if not openly asserted, is that a "Super-Secret World Government" backs the project. Fantastic? Yet, huge quantities of such propaganda were distributed in Cincinnati. They may well have influenced the negative vote which this proposition received in November 1953.

## ***Tactic of Penetration***

The penetration of pre-war rabble-rousers into respectable circles is typified by the activities of Allen A. Zoll.

In the thirties, Zoll was the leader of American Patriots, Inc., which was branded by the Attorney-General as "fascist." In 1938, he chaired the first New York mass meeting of the pro-fascist Christian Front. Ten years later, he returned to public life, this time as organizer of the National Council for American Education.

The stated aims of this organization were appealing—to defend the Constitution; to eradicate Marxism and other forces that threaten American liberty; to publish material about the American way of life. Several prominent citizens signed up as sponsors; however, when *The New York World-Telegram* exposed Zoll's background, many disassociated themselves from the organization. But other unsuspecting citizens throughout the country continued to look to the National Council for American Education for guidance, and certain wealthy individuals continued to give it financial support.

Zoll's appeal is partly to the pocketbook and partly to emotion. He gains support from some property owners by crusading against higher school taxes necessitated by the recent tremendous growth in public school enrollment. Crying for economy, he opposes "frills and fads," such as nurseries, classes for the handicapped, vocational studies, testing and guidance programs, and citizenship training designed to teach students to think for themselves and to respect the rights of others. He damns these aspects of modern education as un-American and communistic.

Campaigning on this platform, Zoll played a leading role in forcing the ouster of Pasadena's forward-looking Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Willard Goslin. His organization has furthered, or sparked, attacks on the school systems of many other communities.

## ***Some Leading Racists***

The following thumbnail sketches of some of the most active anti-Semitic propagandists will illustrate how their activities are designed to appeal to the ultra-nationalists by means of a "topical approach."

**George W. Armstrong:** This octogenarian oil millionaire is one of the most vicious anti-Semitic pamphleteers. His diatribes, featured in *Common Sense*,\* are reprinted in other hate periodicals. Many agitators have looked to him for subsidies. His Judge Armstrong Foundation offered a large sum of money to any college that would restrict its membership to "Christian Aryans." In the 1952

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\* See Conde McGinley, below.



elections he headed the list of electors proposed by the Christian Nationalist Party in Texas.

**John Owen Beaty:** One of the few anti-Semites of genuine academic standing, Dr. Beaty is a professor of English at Southern Methodist University. He is Vice-President of Allen Zoll's National Council for American Education. He is the author of *Iron Curtain Over America*, a grotesque attack on the Jews, thinly veiled as an assault on the New Deal. More than 35,000 copies have been sold—mostly through mass purchases by wealthy individuals who then distribute them where they will “do the most good.”



Portions of a leaflet issued by Frank L. Britton, notorious anti-Semitic publicist.

**Frank L. Britton:** This young California journalist turns out some of the most polished of the anti-Semitic publications. *Atom Treason*, *Hollywood Treason*, and *Behind Communism*, in multi-color pocket-size, slick-paper, picture magazine format, stress the Jew-Communist smear. Wide distribution of these costly productions gives rise to the assumption that Britton is covertly backed. He recently has formed an organization known as The New Confederates, which advocates a boycott against Jews.

**Catherine V. Brown:** Of the many “mothers” groups which studded the ranks of fascist-minded organizations before World War II, one of the few still surviving is Mrs. Brown’s National Blue Star Mothers,\* which bears the Attorney-General’s stamp of “fascist.”

\*Not connected with the Blue Star Mothers of America.

**W. Henry MacFarland, Jr.:** The United Nations and UNESCO are the special targets of the American Flag Committee, of which MacFarland is a leader. His attacks on UNESCO, compounded of misleading information, out-of-context quotes, and sheer fabrications, have been printed in the *Congressional Record* at the behest of former Congressman John T. Wood of Idaho. Widely circulated, these charges have served as the basis of campaigns in many communities to forbid teaching about UNESCO in the public schools. MacFarland was formerly director of the Nationalist Action League, branded by the Attorney General as "fascist." He is now national secretary of the Constitution Party.

**Conde McGinley:** A list of editorial contributors to *Common Sense*, the bi-weekly tabloid published by McGinley, would read like a roll call of anti-Semites in the United States. Although all the well-worn anti-Jewish canards are repeated in its columns, the paper particularly stresses that communism and Zionism are two fronts of an invisible Jewish government which controls Gentile America. McGinley, who has recently bought his own building and printing presses, counts among his backers Benjamin Freedman, a pro-Arab industrialist.

**George Van Horn Moseley:** Prior to World War II, this retired major-general was looked upon by many pro-Nazi elements as their choice to lead a fascist government in the United States. In 1948, after almost a decade of inactivity, he emerged as George Armstrong's advisor and contact man with other anti-Semites.

**Gerald L. K. Smith:** Long one of the most vociferous rabble-rousers in the country, Smith heads the Christian Nationalist Party, also known as the Christian Nationalist Crusade. He advances almost all of the anti-Semitic themes in use today. In a single issue of his publication, *The Cross and the Flag*, we find:

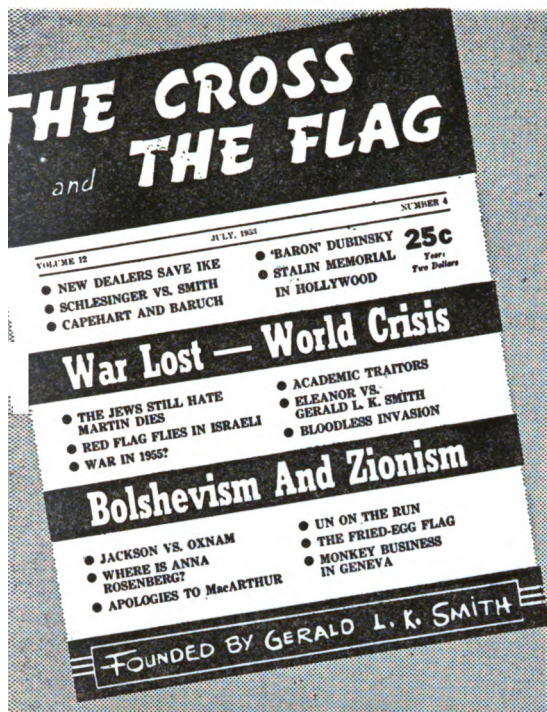
World War II was caused by the "Zionist masters of the big three"—Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin.

The United Nations has "flooded our shores with spies, Communists, Zionists, and other of the 'hate America' ilk. . . . They have given us a new flag, copied in substance from the Russian battle banner, presented in the colors of blue and white, aping the Jew flag of Palestine. . . . They are rewriting the textbooks of the American school system under the camouflaged initials of UNESCO."

"Anyone who holds the traditional position of the original 1932 New Deal . . . is Marxist, whether they call it Frankfurter Marxism, Tito Marxism, or Malenkov Marxism."

"Right-wing Senators who grovel in the presence of Bernard Baruch never cease to puzzle me."





"David Dubinsky virtually runs New York State."

"The constant use of the churches to break down the traditional racial lines set up by the creator is responsible for much of the degeneracy of our civilization."

"The people of England no longer rule themselves . . . the Fabian Society, the Jew-led and manipulated Marxism of Laski and Attlee are now in power."

**Jack B. Tenney:** Long a member of the California Legislature, and at one time head of its committee to investigate subversive activities, Senator Jack B. Tenney, in September 1952, accepted the Vice-Presidential nomination of the Christian Nationalist Party, Gerald L. K. Smith's personal enterprise. Yet only five

years before, in 1947, Tenney had asserted that Smith merited "the most severe public criticism and condemnation for his contribution to racial agitation."

During 1951, Tenney had been chairman of America Plus, a movement formed to further the introduction of a "Freedom of Choice Amendment" to state constitutions. This amendment was calculated, in effect, to prohibit fair employment practices, equal public accommodations, and other measures designed to eradicate discrimination. Tenney resigned his leadership later that year to campaign unsuccessfully for a Republican Congressional nomination. During 1952, he began to publish attacks upon Jewish organizations, which he distributed widely in the form of leaflet reprints from a small weekly. Early in 1953, he produced an anti-Semitic diatribe, *Zion's Fifth Column*, sections of which were reprinted and prominently featured in Gerald L. K. Smith's *The Cross and the Flag*. In July 1953, came a sequel, *Zionist Network*.

**Robert H. Williams:** A vitriolic pamphleteer whose commission in the Army Reserve was terminated for the good of the service, Williams devotes his monthly *Williams' Intelligence Summary* to attacks on Jewish "racial gangsterdom" and "Communist-Zionist" revolutionaries. In a pamphlet called, *Know Your Enemy*, he advo-

cates interning Jews in New York City and in the Southern California plane-building and harbor area, to make sure that Russia will not A-bomb these strategic locations.

**Gerald Winrod:** A visit to Hitler's Germany in the thirties switched this Kansas evangelist from anti-Catholicism to anti-Semitism. In his monthly publication, *The Defender*, whose circulation exceeds 100,000, Winrod soft-pedalled anti-Semitism during the past several years until he became violently outspoken in the 1952 political campaign. One article, widely reprinted and used in conjunction with other anti-Eisenhower propaganda, repeated in essence the lies of the infamous, forged, *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

### **The Neo-Nazis and Their Associates**

After World War II, neo-Nazi and German anti-Semitic groups in the United States once endeavored to fuse German-Americans into solid racial voting blocs. The remnants of the old German-American Bund were joined by younger bigots—often non-German in extraction—who adopted a line of sympathy for the German people. Soft-pedaling anti-Semitism, they bewailed the “cruelty” of the Morgenthau Plan, the “ruthless bombing” of German cities, and the “rapacity” of Allied troops. German soldiers were described as gallant.

These latter-day “Bundists” received considerable support from nativist elements and organizations, with which they were in close contact. With the economic recovery of Germany, several of these groups have become boldly Nazi.

**National Renaissance Party:** Headed by James Madole, the National Renaissance Party staged weekly street meetings in the Yorkville section of New York during the spring and summer of 1953. Attendance at these meetings, which were often accompanied by disturbances, ranged from 30 to 100 persons. Assisting Madole were Kurt Mertig, Dan Kurtz, H. Keith Thompson, and Eustace Mullins. Mertig's organization, the German-American Republican League, had been listed by the United States Attorney General as “fascist” in 1945; Kurtz was the self-styled Christian Front leader of Queens County (N. Y.); and H. Keith Thompson was exposed in 1952 as a registered agent for the neo-Nazi Socialist Reich Party of West Germany which later dissolved in the face of a government ban.

Madole told his open-air audience on May 1, 1953:

“I am proud of being a Fascist and a Nazi. . . . They (the Jews) have got to get the same concentration camps as they got in Germany and Italy. . . . We've got to get rid of them, the sooner the better. . . .”



NRP's monthly, *National Renaissance Bulletin*, in its issue for May 1953, declaimed:

"Although Adolf Hitler is dead his philosophy lives again in the growing strength of fascist forces in America, Europe, and the Middle East. What Hitler accomplished in Europe, the National Renaissance Party shall yet accomplish in America."

During September 1953, a squad of NRP members appeared at meetings in storm-troop attire. Despite its blatancy, NRP's membership does not exceed 200, although its *Bulletin* often is distributed by the thousands, mostly gratis.

**Edward A. Fleckenstein:** Edward A. Fleckenstein, who headed the Voters' Alliance of Americans of German Ancestry (New York City), visited West Germany in the spring of 1953, and spent much of his sojourn there addressing extreme rightist elements. Before a national rally of delegates of thirty-two extremist groups, Fleckenstein declared, "Democracy is the glorification of mediocrity." In August 1953, Fleckenstein's passport was invalidated on the charges that he had interfered in the internal politics of a foreign nation. West German authorities then arrested him and ousted him from the country.

**Eustace Mullins:** Early in 1952, Eustace Mullins announced his plans to have the Aryan League of America function as "an underground organization to protect our families from the bloodbath of Jewish terrorists." Representative of his writings was an article, "Adolph Hitler: An Appreciation," that appeared in NRP's October 1952, *Bulletin*.<sup>\*</sup> Mullins' most significant activity was his promotion of the infamous "Rabbi Rabinovich" canard. This purported to be the "text" of an address by a rabbi before an "Emergency Council of European Rabbis in Budapest, January 12, 1952," supposedly detailing plans for the subjugation of the world through a third global war. Originally printed in *Common Sense*, the article was reproduced by Einar Aberg, anti-Semitic publicist of Norrviken, Sweden, and widely distributed through the mails.

### **Arab Propaganda**

An analysis of Arab propaganda, which originated with the Arab-Israel conflict, indicates that a cardinal point of Arab strategy against Israel is to discredit American Jews by casting aspersions on their loyalty to the United States. Attempts in this direction range from the basest appeals to bigotry, to high-level discussions of Near East problems interlarded with broad innuendoes of "Jewish influence in the United States."

<sup>\*</sup> See quotation under *National Renaissance Party*.

Anti-Semitic publications since 1947 have not only pursued a pro-Arab line, but also have adroitly adopted the term "Zionist" as a synonym for Jew.

Animated by a praiseworthy desire to alleviate the plight of Arab refugees, some reputable clergymen and other community leaders have inadvertently become retailers of Arab propaganda with its distorted representations of Arab refugee conditions. Well-intentioned citizens have been similarly misled by lurid reports of alleged desecrations of churches and shrines during the Arab-Israel conflict.

### ***Progress of Anti-Semites in Ultra-Nationalist Groups***

Which of the ultra-nationalist groups have been swayed by the anti-Semites? While most of these groups are sincerely motivated in expressing and furthering their views—a right which all Americans must accord them—it is evident that some have fallen prey to anti-Semitic influence.

For example, the predominantly respectable membership of Allen Zoll's National Council for American Education seems to have been blinded by the tension of the times to the fact that Zoll once headed American Patriots, Inc., an organization considered "fascist" by the United States Attorney General.

Merwin K. Hart's domination of the National Economic Council also is a case in point. This organization, supported mainly by prominent industrialists who espouse laissez-faire economic policies and decentralization in government, distributes a bulletin containing many decidedly non-economic sentiments. The following are typical:

The Bolshevik revolution "was essentially a Jewish movement."  
—*Economic Council Letter*, February 1, 1952

"The tiresome cry of 'anti-Semitism,' continually raised by some Zionists, is merely a smokescreen behind which they have been furthering, knowingly or unknowingly, the Communist plan to control America and the whole world."

—*Economic Council Letter*, December 1, 1952

The National Economic Council also publishes the *Review of Books*, one issue of which was devoted almost completely to a reprint of an enthusiastic review of John O. Beaty's anti-Semitic *Iron Curtain Over America*.

The House Select Lobbying Activities Committee reported in 1950:

"One of the National Economic Council's techniques, for example, is to disparage those who oppose its objectives by appeals to re-

ligious prejudice, often an ill-concealed anti-Semitism. While it might be argued that NEC's contributors share some of the responsibility for its activities, it is more likely that many of the corporate officials—and particularly the directors and stockholders of the corporate contributors—would be opposed to NEC's appeals to unreason if they were fully apprised of them."

At the 1953 sessions of the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense—composed of many reputable organizations—the notorious Robert Williams was invited to address the delegates, although leaders of the Conference were acquainted with his background.

## **SENSATIONAL FACT!**

### **Russian Arms Banner Bears Shocking Similarity To United Nations Flag!**



**UNITED NATIONS FLAG**



**RUSSIAN ARMS BANNER**

*Part of a Gerald L. K. Smith leaflet distributed in Washington, D. C. at the 1954 meeting of the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense. An official denied that its distribution was authorized.*

The American Heritage Protective Committee\* of San Antonio, Texas, an ultra-conservative, anti-UN, and "lower taxes" group, openly promotes such bigoted literature as John O. Beaty's racist book.

The Constitution Party, which in 1952 nominated General MacArthur—without his consent—became controlled by anti-Semites even before the election, a circumstance which caused two of its leaders, Suzanne Silvercruys Stevenson and Percy L. Greaves, Jr., to resign publicly.

\* Not connected with the American Heritage Foundation.



One final instance: In the fall of 1953, over 500 delegates attended a meeting in the Midwest to form a movement having "political realignment" as one of its principal aims. The proceedings were addressed by reputable speakers. No racist sentiment or activity was discernible during the sessions. Yet, the man most responsible for activating this group publicly wrote that "returns" had been filed by such individuals as W. Henry MacFarland, Jr., Stephen Goodyear, James R. White, Joseph Beauharnais, Jessie Welch Jenkins, Peter L. Xavier, Andrew B. McAllister, John Hamilton, Millard J. Flenner, Stephen Nenoff, and Max A. X. Clark—a roster which may be identified as follows:

- W. Henry MacFarland, Jr. is a leader of the American Flag Committee and formerly head of the Nationalist Action League, which was declared "fascist" by the United States Attorney General.
- Stephen Goodyear is a former assistant of Gerald L. K. Smith.
- James R. White is West Coast representative of the neo-Nazi American Committee for the Advancement of Western Culture.
- Joseph Beauharnais heads Chicago's anti-Negro White Circle League.
- Jessie Welch Jenkins is leader of the National Patrick Henry Organization, a Klan-oriented group of Columbus, Georgia.
- Peter L. Xavier is a writer for anti-Semitic publications.
- Andrew B. McAllister has served as an assistant to Lyril Van Hyning, leader of Chicago's virulently anti-Semitic group, We, The Mothers.
- John Hamilton, former henchman of Gerald L. K. Smith, now heads his own enterprise in St. Louis, the Citizens Protective Association.
- Millard J. Flenner is the anti-Semitic leader of an Anglo-Saxon racist cult in Dayton, Ohio.
- Stephen Nenoff is an anti-Semitic publicist in Denton, Texas.
- Max A. X. Clark is a West Coast evangelist who collaborates with Gerald L. K. Smith.

# Conclusion

Organized anti-Semitic activity today bears little resemblance to the noisy, unruly assemblages of pre-Pearl Harbor days with their spewing of unvarnished racial hatred easily recognizable as Nazi-inspired. Using as a point of reference the year 1947, when the anti-Semitic movement reached its lowest ebb, several changing trends in dynamics and tactics are discernible:

First, more emphasis is laid on disseminating literature, rather than staging meetings, picket-lines, rallies, and other demonstrations.

Second, more subtle approaches are made to public opinion by salting public discussion of national and international issues with hate propaganda, and by exploiting justifiable public anxiety concerning the threat of communism.

Third, there is a pronounced tendency among prominent ultra-nationalist organizations and leaders to accept—or at least tolerate—hatemongers and their propaganda products. In many cases this amenability is the result of unwariness; many would be more discerning, were it not for their own extremist viewpoints.

And finally, professional fomenters of discord are in positions where they can cause much trouble, for they have discovered the usefulness of general mailing lists, instead of relying on the private rosters of crackpot followings in years gone by.

The threat of bigotry polluting the American atmosphere can best be averted by an alert American public. Hatemongers and their machinations must be exposed. Vitality important is the responsibility of ultra-nationalists and ultra-conservatives to recognize, and rid themselves of, the racists who seek to exploit and dominate them. Equally vital is the obligation of respectable leaders and supporters of these movements to dissociate themselves from groups which cannot dislodge the anti-Semites, and to persuade other men of good will to do likewise.

There is much room in the market-place of ideas for opposing viewpoints on a multitude of issues—national and international, political, social, and economic. That is the glory of American democracy. But the public must be shown how to recognize and reject the ideological counterfeiters who would pass on as legal tender their hollow coins of bigotry.



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